

Connecticut Citizens Corps Council
Grant Application Guidelines
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The Connecticut Citizens Corps Council has established the following grant guidelines to facilitate the enhancement of Citizen Corps Programs.

CATEGORY A GRANT

Category A is the standard program support grant for CERT basic training as established in FY05. Grants are based on \$65.00 per student in the basic training class (minimum of 10 students). Sponsorship is required by a local or regional Citizen Corps Council.

Selection of \$60.00 per student for equipment purchase or state issuance of the standard CERT kit (valued at \$60.00 each).

Advanced CERT training grant requests shall be handled as a Category B grant.

CATEGORY B GRANT

This grant category is for an organizational grant (team sponsor) to support the operational enhancement of a recognized Citizen Corps Program response unit. Sponsorship is required by a local or regional Citizen Corps Council.

Recognized Citizen Corps Program teams are Medical Reserve Corps Units (now funded by the Connecticut Department of Public Health at a level of \$40,000 per region and receive no funding through the Citizen Corps Council Program), Fire Corps Units, Neighborhood Watch/America on Watch programs, Volunteers in Police Service programs, and Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).

The maximum grant allowable during any six (6) month period is \$2,000.00 for a CERT Team and \$1,000.00 on other program teams based on the availability of funds. Approved uses of Category B Grant funds include training, equipment purchases and unit readiness drills and exercises. All exercises must comply with state standards. A total of \$60,000 is available in the FY06 funding year.

Example: The Westport CERT requests \$2,000 for organizational identification equipment (shirts and hats) or the Bridgeport Police Department Neighborhood Watch program requests \$600 for radios and flashlights.

CATEGORY C GRANT

This grant category is for an authorized local or regional Citizen Corps Council (or authorized agent for the council).

A Category C Grant is a performance based planning grant based on such items as attending Citizen Corps related conferences and monthly statewide Citizen Corps Council meetings or the establishment of the fully operational response teams identified in the grant application and the training of a minimum of 10 persons per grant. Additionally, attendance at regional council meetings (as supported by the council minutes) and records of meetings with towns to assist and support in the establishment response teams or the support of existing teams are eligible benchmarks. The maximum grant allowable during any six (6) month period is \$4,000.00 based on the availability of funds. A total of \$70,000 is available in the FY06 funding year.

Example: CRCOG requests \$4,000 for planning, recruiting and training a Special Needs CERT team for Shelter operations and agrees that it will recruit 22 persons for this unit and place it in operation within 180 days of the grant, or the New Cannan Local Citizen Corps Council requests a grant for \$4,000 to plan, recruit, train, and establish a new Fire Corps Unit within the next 180 days.